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COMMITTEE OF SELECTION

FIRST REPORT PRESENTED AND ADOPTED

Hon. Orville H. Phillips, chairman of the Committee of Selection, presented the following report:

Tuesday, December 20, 1988

The Committee of Selection has the honour to present its

FIRST REPORT

Pursuant to Rule 66(1)(b), your Committee submits herewith the list of Senators nominated by it to serve on each of the following select committees:

COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL ECONOMY, BUDGETS AND ADMINISTRATION

The Honourable Senators Barootes, Bolduc, Corbin, Doyle, Guay, Kelly, Kenny, LeBlanc (*Beauséjour*), Lefebvre, Lewis, *MacEachen (or Frith), Marchand, McElman, *Murray (or Doody), Nurgitz, Petten and Wood.

**Ex officio* members

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The Honourable Senators Bazin, Beaudoin, Bosa, Doyle, Frith, Gigantès, Grafstein, Kelly, LeBlanc (*Beauséjour*), *MacEachen, *Murray (or Doody), Ottenheimer, Stewart (*Antigonish-Guysborough*), Stollery

**Ex officio* members

Respectfully submitted,

ORVILLE H. PHILLIPS
Chairman.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this report be taken into consideration?

Senator Phillips: Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(f), I move that this report be now adopted.

The Hon. the Speaker: Is leave granted, honourable senators?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Motion agreed to and report adopted.

[The Hon. the Speaker.]

INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION

EIGHTIETH CONFERENCE, SOFIA, BULGARIA—NOTICE OF INQUIRY

Hon. Nathan Nurgitz: Honourable senators, I give notice that on Wednesday next, December 28, 1988, I shall call the attention of the Senate to the Eightieth Inter-Parliamentary Conference, held at Sofia, Bulgaria, from September 19 to 24, 1988.

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BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. C. William Doody (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(g), I move:

That when the Senate adjourns today, it do stand adjourned until Tuesday next, 27th December 1988, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

The Hon. the Speaker: Is leave granted, honourable senators?

Some Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Hon. H.A. Olson: Honourable senators, I do not give my consent to that motion. We have not met in this chamber for over three months and I have a long list of questions to put to the Leader of the Government in the Senate concerning some matters that are of importance to the people I am supposed to represent here in the Senate. Last week, when we met in this chamber, we had hardly any Question Period; in fact, it was over by the time I arrived in the chamber. Therefore, since Question Period is the only opportunity afforded to members of the chamber for asking questions, I hope the minister is prepared now for a lengthy Question Period, since I intend to make some inquiries respecting crop insurance, drought payments and a great many other matters that are of vital importance to the people I represent.

Hon. Lowell Murray (Leader of the Government, Minister of State for Federal-Provincial Relations and Acting Minister of Communications): Honourable senators, if I may, the effect of the honourable senator's denying leave for this motion would be that the Senate would return tomorrow. However, I would not want the honourable senator and his colleagues to come back here under false pretences. Unfortunately, I will not be in the chamber tomorrow or Thursday since I have government business to attend to. I think the honourable senator will appreciate that. Frankly, I had included in my own plans the assumption that we would not be sitting beyond tonight, and I regret that I will not be able to be present in this chamber tomorrow or the next day.

Last week I took notice of some subject matters that were raised by Senator Olson. I am prepared to attempt to deal with those and other questions he may wish to put to me this evening and to make every effort to obtain replies as quickly as